

February 13, 2003

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth St., S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Western Wireless' Supplement To Its Petition for Waiver  
of Certain Limited Number Pooling Obligations,  
CC Docket no. 99-200, CC Docket No. 96-86, CC Docket  
No. 95-116.**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Mikal Thomsen and I, on behalf of Western Wireless Corp., made an *ex parte* presentation yesterday to Bill Maher, Eric Einhorn, Diane Griffin, Cheryl Callahan, and Narda Jones of the Wireline Competition Bureau. Mikal and I were accompanied by our outside counsel, Chuck Keller.

The presentation reviewed the Supplement (filed on March 3) to a waiver Western filed on November 27, 2002. We stressed that it would be enormously wasteful of limited resources for Western to participate in mandatory thousands-block number pooling for a few rate centers within the areas listed in the Supplement.

If you have any questions, then please contact me at 202-654-5903.

Respectfully submitted,

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Western Wireless Corp.